



Co-Occurring Joint Action Council (COJAC)



Meeting Minutes September 30, 2009

Participants

Workgroup Co-Chair: Cheryl Trenwith (County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator's Association of California) and Dr. Marvin Southard (California Mental Health Directors Association)

Workgroup Members: Marjorie McKisson (Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs: ADP), Renee Zito (on the phone) (ADP), Dave Neilsen (ADP), Sophie Cabrera (Department of Mental Health: DMH), Dr. Sandra Naylor Goodwin (California Institute for Mental Health: CIMH), Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar (Phoenix House), Mary Hale (California Mental Health Directors Association: CMHDA), Jim O'Connell (California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources: CAARR), Jerry Wengerd (CMHDA), Albert Senella (on the phone) (Tarzana Centers), Victor Kogler (on the phone – Alcohol and Drug Policy Institute: ADPI), Debbie Reno-Smith (Victor Community Support Services), Tom Renfree (County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator's Association of California: CADPAAC), and Madelyn Schlaepfer (CADPAAC) (on the phone)

COJAC Staff: Darien De Lu (ADP), Kevin Furey (ADP), and Alice Washington (CIMH)

Guests: Dr. David Pating (on the phone) and Jennifer Bianchi (DMH)

Welcome and Introductions

Cheryl Trenwith opened the meeting at 10:12 am. She asked the Workgroup Members to introduce themselves.

The Workgroup Members reviewed and approved the August 22, 2009, minutes with no changes.

The Workgroup Members reviewed the agenda. Cheryl Trenwith stated that Dr. David Pating would discuss a stakeholder report at 11 am.

State Reports

Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP)

Dave Neilsen from ADP provided the report. He also encouraged ADP Director Renee Zito to help with the report.

All State departments are absorbing the 15% cuts. The elimination of the Prop 36 monies has been time consuming to the communities as well as understanding the federal/state reporting

requirements associated with the new Byrne JAG funds.

ADP is working on core treatment standards. They are inviting all stakeholders in the treatment of substance use disorders to participate in the development of the treatment standards for the State of California. The Treatment Standards project of ADP is part of the Continuum of Services System Re-Engineering (COSSR) effort. These draft standards aim to define the critical elements that represent quality care for substance use disorders. Please access this information at: <http://www.adp.cahwnet.gov/Treatment/Standards/ts.asp>.

Michael Cunningham of ADP is rolling out the Continuum of Services System Re-Engineering (COSSR), which is trying to move the field forward. This information is at <http://www.adp.cahwnet.gov/COSSR/index.shtml>.

ADP is engaged implementing Short Doyle Phase 2. The goal of the SDMC Phase 2 Project is to achieve full HIPAA compliance for the SDMC system. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) and Department of Mental Health (DMH) are working in partnership to implement the new system.

Other Discussion Items

Cheryl Trenwith discussed the federal stimulus dollars requirements (Byrne JAG). The counties are trying to get answers on how to apply using the RFA. These dollars may help with the loss of Prop 36 dollars. It is an opportunity, but is very challenging.

Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar asked about the 1115B Medicaid Waiver process and the inclusion of co-occurring disorders and related issues into the waiver design. Cheryl Trenwith stated there are workgroups to join for the waiver design. It is best to have a conversation with our mental health partners who are involved in the waiver process. Jerry Wengerd stated that CMHDA Medi-Cal Policy Committee is working on principles for the waiver process and said CADPAAC representatives have joined the committee in order to work on this draft statement. The principles will include a statement on a person-centered medical home.

Dr. Goodwin of CiMH outlined their work on the Integration Policy Initiative (IPI) where they collaborated with Integrated Behavioral Health Project (IBHP) and California Primary Care Association (CPCA) for the past 9 months in discussions on how to address coordination and integration of care with mental health, substance use, and primary care. ADP, ADPI, and CADPAAC participated in these discussions. She encouraged the Workgroup members to attend a Collaborative Family Health Care Association Policy Summit on October 22 where discussions of the IPI will happen. There is a link to the IPI report where you can provide comments. The link is <http://www.cimh.org/Services/Special-Projects/Primary-Care/Initiative-Feedback.aspx>.

Action Items:

Cheryl Trenwith asked ADP for a presentation on the COSSR in order to inform the mental health partners. Dave Neilsen will consult with Michael Cunningham about this item.

Alice Washington will e-mail the IPI report to the Workgroup members.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Sophie Cabrera of Department of Mental Health provided this report. DMH continues to struggle with budgets, furloughs, and making sure priorities are completed.

DMH is working on updating the 1915B waiver in order to have it reflect what is in the current State, plan which can result in a one-year extension. They must clearly define services and match the service language in both the waiver and State plan. This updated language will trigger a second one-year extension for completion of the waiver process.

DMH is also working on the implementation of the Short Doyle Phase 2 System.

Mental Health Services Act Update

The 2009-10 plans are being submitted by counties. The 2010-11 guidelines will come out in a couple of weeks. DMH expects to see a decrease in funds and is looking at potential cuts. They will be work with counties as these happen.

CADPAAC Legislative Update

Tom Renfree, Executive Director of CADPAAC, provided a legislative update. He referred the Workgroup Members to the CADPAAC Legislative Analysis list. His discussion focused on:

AB 244 (Beal) (Enrolled)
Consistent with Federal Parity Bill

SB 678 (Leno & Benoit) (Enrolled)
Community based programs-deals with adult felony probationers
Byrne JAG funds related to this

SB 788 (Wyland) (Enrolled)
LPCC licensing and regulation

SBX318 (Ducheny) (Enrolled)
Referred to re-entry courts

Those bills to watch are:
A few for veteran's
AB 999

“Interim Stakeholder Report to Administrative Office of the Courts” MHSOAC Services Committee Report

Discussant: Dr. David Pating

In March 2009, the Administrative Office of the Courts, represented by Judge Wendy Lindley, approached the California Department of Mental Health, Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Services Committee to provide input to the courts to facilitate better outcomes for persons with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse who are involved in the criminal justice system.

Dr. Pating discussed the resulting report with the Workgroup members. The report summarizes stakeholder comments compiled during MHSA Services sub-committee discussions on the impact of co-occurring disorders in the criminal justice system. The issues and recommendations identified by this stakeholder group do not represent formal recommendations of the MHSAOAC. Dr. Pating also mentioned that COD has been added to the prior five “overarching priorities” for Prevention and Early Intervention.

Committee Updates & Outcomes

Youth Committee

Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar of Phoenix House has resigned as the committee chair. There has been no committee activity since June 2009.

Debi Reno-Smith of Victor Community Support Services will serve as the co-chair with Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar.

Possible committee focus: EPSDT for co-occurring disorders. (EPSDT mental health funding can be used, but there are training issues concerning the lack of alcohol and other drugs experience for mental health staff. However, EPSDT auditing has been relaxed, so there are fewer audit. issues.)

The Youth Committee needs a State Action Plan. Darien De Lu and Kevin Furey of ADP will send the template to Debi Reno-Smith for review.

Partnership Committee

Victor Kogler of ADPI and Dr. Sandra Naylor Goodwin reported.

Tasked with creating guidelines for Workgroup membership and selection of new Workgroup members, they reported on the committee’s newly drafted *Operational Guidelines*.

Operational Guidelines:

COJAC would send the Workgroup Operational Guidelines to new Workgroup members in order to help improve their understandings of how COJAC operates.

Dr. Goodwin asked the Workgroup members to review the Operational Guidelines document before the November 4, 2009, COJAC meeting in order to incorporate necessary changes.

The Workgroup members provided the following suggestions:

Member Requirements

- Add under Workgroup membership requirements, “Experience and knowledge of COD”
- Add under Workgroup membership requirements, “or have lived COD experience”

Defining the focus of COJAC

- Can the Partnership Committee tackle the old COJAC charter?

- They should include the COJAC Vision statement into the updated document

Pending Workgroup Membership Application

Dr. Goodwin reported that we have one pending Workgroup membership application to review.

Updated Partnership SAP

The committee has updated the SAP. They prioritized the SAP and developed a work plan related to those prioritized action items. Dr. Goodwin discussed one action item: conducting a survey to determine the following:

- 1) How to assess what is taking place out in communities?
 - a) Refer to past COD survey given to the MH directors
 - i) How to use this information and build on it
 - b) Send out a revised survey and look at specific issues this time; this survey would have a broader audience.

Why conduct another survey? In order to identify what is happening in communities, what is working well in local areas, and then use these resources to share their information with the state in order to disseminate the practices more broadly.

Another idea on how to publicize what works well is to have a COJAC award for best innovations and/or best practices.

The Workgroup members approved the Partnership Committee SAP updates.

Action Items:

- The Workgroup members will mull over the Operational Guidelines for a couple of weeks and send comments to the Partnership Committee. After this comments period, the Partnership Committee will bring back the Operational Guidelines back to the Workgroup members at the next COJAC meeting for adoption.
- Can the Partnership Committee review the old COJAC charter?
- The Workgroup co-chairs asked the ADP COD Unit staff to remove the inactive Workgroup members from the roster.
- The Workgroup members are invited to propose some new names from those constituents we are removing.
- Alice Washington will resend Workgroup Membership application to Workgroup Members.

Funding Committee

Mary Hale, the committee chair, provided the report.

The committee continues to work. They have

1. Submitted an updated Funding SAP
 - a. In lieu of FAQ they will develop a new list of what co-occurring disorders services are and match with current funding
 - b. Victor Kogler continues to develop the issue paper on funding barriers
 - i. Still looking at mental health information
 - ii. Have alcohol and drug piece done
 - c. Online basic technical assistance
 - i. Will keep in the SAP
 - d. Publishing best known practices
 - i. In process
 - e. Funding matrix
 - i. Will update with the elimination and additions of funding sources

The Workgroup Members approved the Funding SAP changes.

Debi Reno-Smith is welcomed to join this committee in order to include issues of co-occurring funding for youth.

Screening and Treatment Committee

Vivian Brown, the chair of the committee, was not present.

The committee may have an SAP update in November 4, 2009

The committee is waiting for the release of the official report on the COJAC Screening Tool. There was a concern about the second phase evaluation of the tool. Use of the tool is occurring despite the reliability issues raised in the UCSF validation study report.

Housing Committee

This committee has no chair, so it is not active.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Alice Washington of CiMH will conduct a Doodle poll in order to construct the 2010 COJAC meeting schedule. The days that work best for the Workgroup Co-chairs are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Alice will start the polling using these days.

Next meeting

Date: November 4, 2009
Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: CiMH offices